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A Guide to the New Massachusetts License & Identification Card

New Look

New Security Features

New Under-21 Design







Dear RMV Customer,

This brochure will introduce you to the newly enhanced Massachusetts driver's licenses and identification cards. The new security features make these licenses and identification cards the most secure, durable, tamper proof and technologically advanced licenses in all of North America.

I want to thank Governor Romney, Transportation Secretary Daniel A. Grabauskas, Public Safety Secretary Flynn, the legislature, the citizens of the Commonwealth, the Massachusetts retailers and the law enforcement community for their valuable feedback on how to improve our licenses.

These cards include state-of-the-art security features and an innovative new design. Our new licenses and IDs will now include demographic information that is displayed on the front of each of the cards.

We are the first state to incorporate the 2-dimensional Kinegram® on its cards. The Kinegram is not commercially available and is one of the most secure overt license security features. Until now, Kinegram security has been reserved only for use on banknotes and passports.

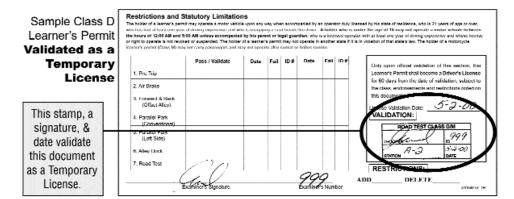
We are pleased to partner with DIGIMARC, a Massachusetts company and leader in license production and identification cards in 32 U.S. states and 20 countries. We are proud to introduce you to our new licenses and ID cards. I am sure you will agree that the new enhancements will help further protect our driver licenses against counterfeiting and fraud.

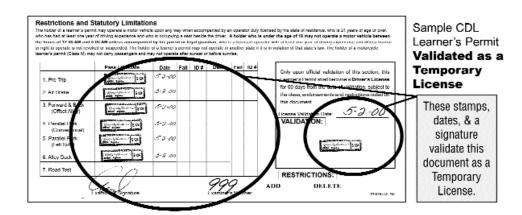
This brochure highlights the differences among the various licenses and identification cards. By using the information presented in this brochure you'll find it much easier to verify the authenticity of our licenses and identification cards in the environments that you work.

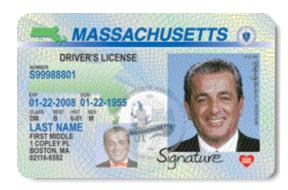
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Temporary License







Driver's License

Commercial Driver's License





Driver's License with Restriction

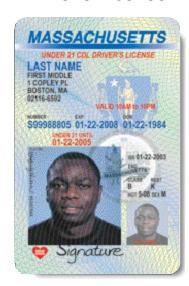
Under-21 Driver's License



Junior Operator License



Under-21 Commercial Driver's License



Under-21 Identification Card



Massachusetts Identification Cards

New License Features



Identification Card

Liquor Identification Card





Restriction Card

(front and back)







New License Features

Under-21 Vertical Layout – AllUnder-21 licenses and IDs will be printed vertically allowing law enforcement and liquor establishments to easily identify underage persons.

Color Text – Under-21 licenses and all ID cards will feature bold red lettering making it easy to identify them from standard driver's licenses.

Multiple Date-of-Birth Placement – The bearer's date of birth is placed at various locations on the front and back of each document making alteration attempts easily detectable.

Kinegram® – All the cards feature a Kinegram®; a partially metallized optical variable device. The Kinegram is positioned to intersect the primary and ghost image. The Kinegram's color and images change as the card is rotated and turned. This feature can be viewed by tilting the card at various angles.

UV Printing – Ultraviolet sensitive inks are embedded within the security laminate allowing for authentication under an ultraviolet light source.

Security Laminate – A layered security laminate is bonded on the front and back of the core material of each document after printing of data and portrait images to prevent intrusion and wear. Attempts to tamper with the security laminate alter the document's appearance and are easily detectable

Ghost Image – All licenses and IDs will feature a "ghost image" (a faint version of the bearer's image) with the date of birth placed over the ghost image making alteration of data or images easily detectable

1-D and 2-D Bar Code – Each license is protected against counterfeiting and fraud by means of a high-density one-dimensional (1-D) and two-dimensional (2-D) bar code. The 2-D bar code contains the bearer's demographic information. The 1-D bar code contains an auditable control number. The bar code is layered under the security laminate to prevent alteration or wear.